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**Subject:** FW: Text message regarding brush fire in Ringwood  
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Hi Judy,

Thank you for reaching out about the fire in Ringwood during the evening of Monday, July 6th. Of course, we were very concerned when you mentioned it was on the site and residents were anxious. I was able to reach out to quite a few contacts that evening and received a very helpful email from a CAG member that showed the brush fire was not on the site. We had someone go out to the site first thing Tuesday morning and he was able to speak to the Borough Manager (who was on site that evening) as well as the New Jersey Forest Fire Service, who brought the brush fire under control.

We learned that an insulator failed in the Utility right-of-way. The high-tension lines which are connected to the tower arched and caused a brush fire. That would explain the two loud bangs which some of the residents heard. It looks like the majority of the brush fire was within the boundaries of the right-of-way. The fire did not enter the OCDA so EPA is not involved in the incident.

I would suggest you reach out to the Borough for additional information.

Thank you again for your concern,  
Pat